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Applicant:	James McLaren	Art Unit:	1761
Serial No.:	09/700,956	Examiner:	C.E. Sherrer
Filed:	November 21, 2000	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	IMPROVED PROCESS FOR ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION		

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995. This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is an amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on December 5, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for \$770.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a petition to

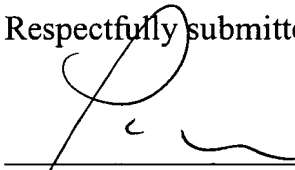
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